(c) The number of reported deaths due to AIDS for last three years are as under:

Year	No. of reported deaths
2003	1717
2004	1353
2005	1419

(d) State-wise annual action plans have been prepared with specified goals. These are being monitored through routine reports, field visits and periodic review meetings with concerned state officers.

Health problem of people living around coal mines

2639. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that families living in and around coal mines in the country are facing health hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) diseases prevalent in and around Talcher and IB Vally Coal mines in Orissa; and

(d) which agencies are deployed to treat the affected families of the workers of these coal mines and the details of budget allocated to face the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Persons working in coal mines are exposed to occupational health hazards like airborne dust, gas, noise etc. In addition, exposure to excessive heat is also an important health hazard in summer season. Mining activities causes deterioration in quality of environment which also affects the health of people living around the coal mines areas.

(c) Disease prevalent in Talcher and IB Vally Coal mines in Orissa are:—

* Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis;
* Noise induced hearing loss;
* Various respiratory ailments;
* Musculoskeletal Disorders;

* Backache; and
* Anaemia

Disease prevalent around Talcher and IB Vally coal mines are:—

* Respiratory;
* Skin; and
* Eye diseases

(d) Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiary companies provide medical care to its employees in the hospitals/dispensaries run by them. Hospitals managed by State/Central Govt. and industrial hospitals take care of health of the local population residing in and around coal mines. CIL has adequate budget to provide medical facilities to its employees. Besides, under Community Development Programme, free health camps are organized for the underprivileged section of the population residing in and around the coal mines. Revenue expenditure in CIL for the last six years is as under:—

Year	Revenue Expenditure (Rs. In Lakhs)
2000-01	6994.8
2001-02	8372.86
2002-03	9266.62
2003-04	10138.55
2004-05	14938.00
2005-06	14182.00

Clinical research hub

2640. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is rapidly growing into a clinical research hub in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether exploitation of innocent poor for clinical trial is the major reason; and

(d) the steps taken to check such exploitations?